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SUBJECT: SPAIN: RESPONSE TO HAITI ELECTIONS BUDGET SHORTFALL

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Econoff delivered reftel points June 7 to Armando Riesgo, Subdirector General for Cooperation in Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean at the Spanish MFA. On June 14, Econoff followed up on reftel points with Riesgo. Riesgo said that the GOS is studying the matter and would work in cooperation with the OAS on the election issue, but could not provide a final answer on the amount of a Spanish financial donation, if any. He then noted that Spain is contributing both troops and technical advisors in support of the elections, underlining the Spanish commitment to the democratic process. Finally, Riesgo said that he could not provide a time frame for the Spanish decision on financial contributions.

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